



2021 PRAJNYA 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE



Campaign Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Open events: Unshaded listing, may need registration	November 24 Sammaan: National Workshop, Stage 1, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Day 1 Nov 25 Gender Violence in India: Report Launch, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Day 2 Nov 26 Gender Violence Sensitisation for Home Nurses, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Day 3 Nov 27 It's Not Okay: A Poetry Reading, 11 a.m.—12 p.m.	Day 4 Nov 28 Scripting Presence: A Script-Writing Workshop 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
	Closed events: Shaded listing			The Dowry Act at 60: A Review Panel 3-5 p.m.		
Day 5 Nov 29 Twitter Takeover by Archanaa Seker, 4-6 p.m.	Day 6 Nov 30 நீதி வெகு தொலைவா? Is Justice Too Distant? Consultation, 3-4 p.m.	Day 7 Dec 1 உன் பாட்டு என் வார்த்தை (blog) The Challenges of Gender Violence Research: A Panel, 3-4:20 p.m.	Day 8 Dec 2 Making Public Spaces Inclusive: A Roundtable, 2-4 p.m.	Day 9 Dec 3 Safe Workplaces: A Status of Compliance Survey Report launch, 2-3 p.m.	Day 10 Dec 4 அணுதினமும் பாலினவாதம் Everyday Sexism: Instagram Live Twitter Takeover by Nadika Nadja	Day 11 Dec 5 The Body Freedom Workshop: Dance Movement Therapy, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
Day 12 Dec 6 Does Marriage Mean Consent? A Panel, 3-5 p.m.	Day 13 Dec 7 Media training	Day 14 Dec 8 குழந்தை திருமணம்: கலந்துரையாடல் 2-6 p.m.	Day 15 Dec 9 Dignity at Work: Video Launch, 3-4:30 p.m.	Day 16 Dec 10 Regional Perspectives on Honour, Violence and Women's Rights: A Panel, 3-5 p.m.		

2021 Campaign Partners

1. Gender Study and Women's Cell, St Xavier's College, Jaipur
2. Association for Non-traditional Employment for Women (ANEW)
3. Mockingbirds
4. Marappachi
5. Tamilnadu Labour Rights' Federation (TLRF)
6. Gram Vaani
7. Orinam
8. Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre
9. Kolkata Sanved
10. Network of Women in Media, India (NwMI)
11. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung



**Thanks to each and every one of our donors,
partners and volunteers for making the 2021
Prajnya 16 Days Campaign Against Gender
Violence a success!**

Overview

Despite all of us at Prajnya desperately rooting for an offline/hybrid campaign this year, we ended up observing a completely online campaign yet again. This did not stop us from implementing new plans with tried and tested formats and reaching out to a large, more diverse audience.

Our 2021 campaign was many things at once, allowing us to engage with more people than we would've otherwise. We saw a lot of active participation from young people this year. This makes us hopeful of a better world, where change takes up younger, fresher, more non-traditional forms.

We are grateful for everyone who participates and makes these campaigns such a success. Our most sincere thanks go out to all our resource persons, volunteers, interns, media friends, and everyone interested in our work. You make this possible every year.
Thank you!

Sammaan: Understanding Harassment

NOVEMBER 24-26, 2021

The Gender Study and Women's Cell, St. Xavier's College, Jaipur organised a National Workshop, Sammaan: Understanding Harassment.

Prajnya co-conceptualised and conducted the workshop. The three-day process involved:

1. An interactive lecture on sexual harassment;
2. Active learning through a creative application of the training;
3. The creation and sharing of training and awareness resources as a way of 'paying forward.'



Day 1: 2021 Prajnya Gender Violence in India Report Launch

NOVEMBER 25, 2021

The 2021 Prajnya 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence started off with the launch of the 2021 Gender Violence in India Report. **Dr. S Shakthi** facilitated the session and **Kausumi Saha**, who curated and authored the report, presented key highlights and trends from the report. She also added a chapter on gender-based violence against Dalit and Adivasi communities in this year's edition of the Gender Violence in India Report.

Our guest speaker for the event, **Dr. Rukmini Sen**, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University, Delhi, shared her insights on the 2021 Gender Violence in India Report. She also spoke more broadly about gender-based violence in India and gender-violence research.



THE 2021 GENDER VIOLENCE IN INDIA REPORT COVERS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VIOLENCE:

- Pre-Natal Sex Selection / Female Foeticide
- Child Marriage, Early Marriage and Forced Marriage
- Human Trafficking
- Street Sexual Harassment
- Workplace Sexual Harassment
- Crimes Committed in the Name of Honour
- Acid Attacks
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Rape
- Dowry-Related Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Abuse
- Cyber Violence
- Gender-Based Violence in Custody
- Gender-Based Violence Against LGBTQIA+ Persons
- Gender-Based Violence Against Dalit and Adivasi Persons

Day 2: Gender Violence Sensitisation for Home Nurses

NOVEMBER 26, 2021

In partnership with the **Association for Non-traditional Employment for Women (ANEW)** Prajnya organised a gender violence sensitisation training session for home nursing trainees. **Sudaroli Ramaswamy** administered the session.

She spoke about the different kinds of gender-based violence and sexual harrassment at the workplace, and how these situations can be remedied. Sudaroli also touched upon identifying domestic violence as home nurses, bystander intervention and rapport building. She concluded the session by speaking about some of the protocols social workers and counsellors follow in cases of domestic violence and workplace sexual harrassment cases.

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- ♥F.Sharmila♥
- Karthika
- Sivagami. M

Day 2: The Dowry Act at 60: A Review Panel

NOVEMBER 26, 2021

2021 marks 60 years since the passage of the Dowry Prohibition Act in 1961. In 60 years, we have forgotten its existence and importance, even as the practice of dowry spreads to newer groups and ostentation becomes the norm at weddings. The objective of the panel was to revisit the Dowry Prohibition Act and review its historical importance.

The panel was facilitated by senior journalist, Ammu Joseph and featured advocate Akila R, activist Bharati Sharma, and Professor Sharada Srinivasan.

Akila R spoke about the legal, civil and criminal remedies regarding the exchange of dowry. She explained, with the help of a presentation the various sections covered under the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961. In her talk, she also contextualised and explained the amendments of the Act and shed light on a wealth of statistics relating to dowry and dowry deaths.

Dr. Bharti Sharma spoke about the day-to-day realities of dowry-related violence from her experience as Honorary Secretary of Shakti Shalini. She spoke about the law protecting women from dowry violence and emphasised on how it is rarely used. She questioned the value of the Act if it is barely used to protect victims of dowry.

Dr. Sharada Srinivasan drew comparisons and examples from her paper 'Daughters or Dowries? The Changing Nature of Dowry Practice in South India' (2005) to speak about the persistence of dowry practices despite the existence of legal remedies.

“From being an upper caste/class practice, dowry has become an all caste/class phenomenon, replacing the symbolic exchange of gifts between families of the groom and the bride. It has become a euphemism for strategies to acquire higher standards of material life, status, and security, with negative consequences to women's status, including their survival.”

Day 3: It's Not Okay! A Poetry Reading

NOVEMBER 27, 2021

Prajnya collaborated with **Mockingbirds** to curate a poetry reading event. **Michelle Ann James**, founder of Mockingbirds and longtime Prajnya volunteer facilitated the event. Four young poets affiliated with Mockingbirds— **Arthi Ashokkumar**, **Hima Mouli**, **Aaliyah Banu** and **Vasanthi Swetha** performed at the event. Their pieces were explorations of different accounts of gender-based violence and denigration they observed in their social environments.

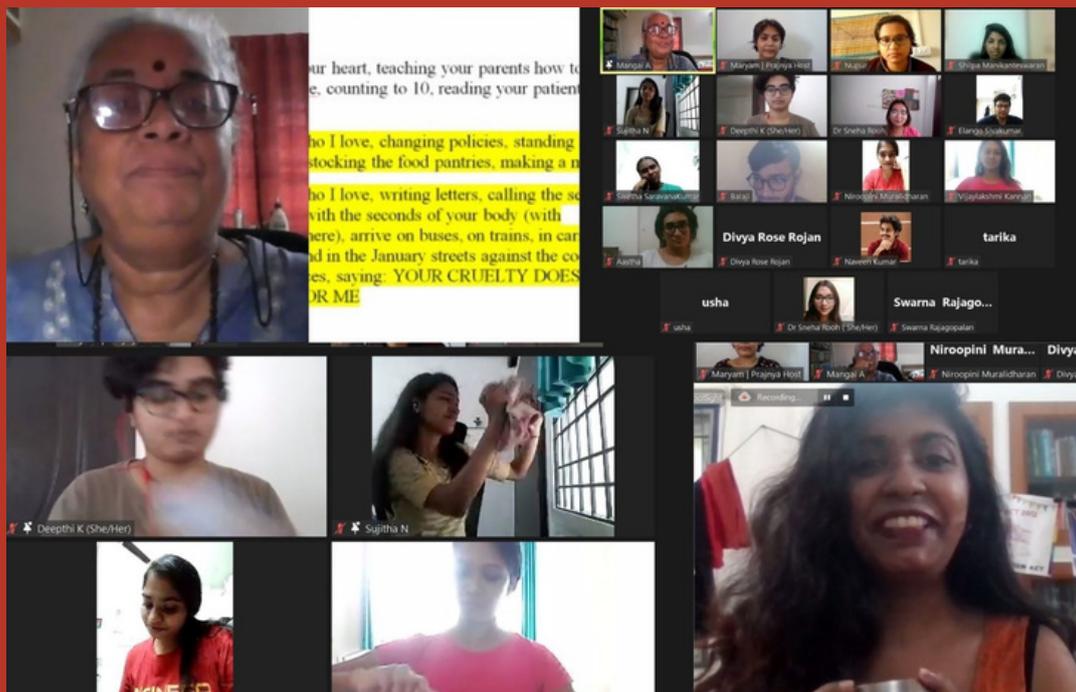


Day 4: Scripting Presence: A Script-Writing Workshop

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Our Campaign partnership with **Marappachi** dates back to the very first Campaign in 2008 and we were thrilled to renew it this year with a script-writing workshop.

On Sunday, November 28, **Dr. A Mangai** and about 18 participants spent three hours developing and performing micro-scripts of five lines each. They started with an observation exercise, then moved on to a group discussion. Following a short break, we were enthralled by the performance by **Sadhashi** of an excerpt from Marappachi's forthcoming play, "Ulluram." Participants then settled into the serious business of writing short scripts around prompts that Dr. Mangai provided. They drew on their discussions and their observations of each other. The session ended with a group reading from a beautiful poem.



Day 5: Twitter Takeover by @Archytypes

NOVEMBER 29, 2021

On November 29, 2021, we invited **Archanaa Sekar (@Archytypes on Twitter)** to take over the Prajnya Twitter account.

She talked about sexual and reproductive health and rights in the developing world—how governments only looked at contraception and family planning as a population control measure and nothing more. She mentioned that access to safe contraceptive protection was lacking because of such governmental measures and the medicalisation of contraception, and not a matter of bodily autonomy. She also emphasised on the scarcity of information related to contraception because of the stigma surrounding sex. During the session, she also provided a brief overview of what contraception is and the different methods of contraception.



The graphic features a large blue circle on the left containing the white Twitter bird logo. In the top-left corner of this circle is a small logo for '16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE' with a hand icon. To the right of the circle, the text reads: '@Archytypes takes over @prajnya'. Below this, it says 'JOIN US ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 BETWEEN 4 AND 6 P.M. TO TALK ABOUT CONTRACEPTIVE VIOLENCE'. At the bottom right, there are two hashtags: '#prajnya16days' and '#nosgbv', followed by the Prajnya logo, which consists of a stylized 'P' and 'J' inside a square with the word 'PRAJNYA' underneath.

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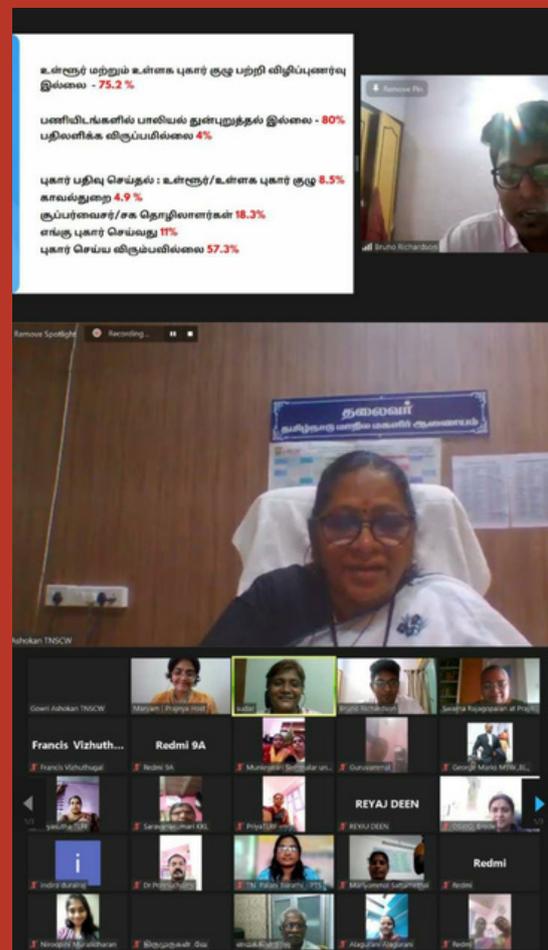
Day 6: Is Justice Too Distant? Report Presentation

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

On November 30, 2021, Prajnaya, Gram Vaani and Tamil Nadu Labour Rights Federation (TLRF) invited the Tamil Nadu State Women Commission (TNSWC) Chairperson, District Social Welfare Officers (DSWO), and members of local committees for an online consultation on making local committees functional across Tamil Nadu.

Com. Richardson from Gram Vaani presented a detailed presentation on what pushed the organizations to begin a campaign on local committees (committee to redress sexual harassment at unorganized workplaces) and the various stages of the campaign— from collecting data through RTIs, conducting surveys and interviews with unorganized women labourers, various consultation sessions with stakeholders to propose recommendations to the government, and finally sharing their findings and the proposed recommendations to the TNSWC and DSWO through the event. Coms. Priya and Jayasudha shared their insights from the process so far.

Following this, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu State Women Commission (TNSWC), Com. Gowri Ashokan addressed the gathering. She commended the work being done and offered support in further implementation of the study's findings.



Day 7: Your Song, My Words

DECEMBER 1, 2021

Inspired by **Akshara Centre's Gaana Rewrite**, we invited our friends to send in revised versions of sexist Tamil cinema songs. Our enthusiastic and creative volunteer **Subhashini Raju** sent us three wonderfully fun revisions.

Original Lyrics

Venam Machan Venam / Indha Poonunga Kaadhalu /
Adhu Moodi Thorakum Podhae / Unna Kavukum Quaterru

Name of the original lyricist: NA. Muthu Kumar

Link to the original song: [Here](#)

Feminist Rewrite

Venaam Machan venaam misogynist dialogues,
Adha ketkumbothu Varuthu ore hatred-u,
Amazon pola vaazhka oru periya offer- u,
Athula violence panna venaam konjam calmdown aagidu!!!

Wife ah adikirathuku Peru masculinity illa Da!!!
Avala nee friend ah treat panni Paaru - Equality dhaan Adaa (2)

Kanna kalanga vaikum acid attacks venaam da!!!
Yangala trust pannum fathers, husbands, sons venum DA!!!

Day 7: The Challenges of Gender Violence Research: A Panel

DECEMBER 1, 2021

Data on sexual and gender-based violence, both quantitative and qualitative, is hard to come by. This is because this kind of research is a challenging undertaking.

We brought together a panel of experienced researchers and practitioners from fields as diverse as anthropology, geography, law, and politics to discuss those challenges.

The first panelist, **Dr. Philipa Williams** spoke on the challenges of researching gender violence. She covered briefly the critical aspects of the same, focusing on how to arrive at a clear research question, and finding what method suits your research best. She mentioned that researchers need to keep in mind the desired outcomes of conducting the research while keeping in mind the groups of people who will benefit from it.

Dr. Shazia Choudhry, our next speaker, focussed on the research ethics framework. Under this, she covered the importance of confidentiality, risk assessment, and safeguarding oneself.

Dr. Preeti Karmarkar looked into the Dos and Don'ts while interacting with survivors, especially those who have undergone violence and on navigating difficult questions.

Dr. Girija Godbole spoke about looking after oneself as a researcher and dealing with difficult questions.

Next, **Dr. Ruchira Goswami** highlighted the legal aspect of the research on gender violence and data collection and the difficulties of conducting socio-legal research.

Dr. Nandini Ghosh then gave us a perspective on the barriers that exist in conducting gender violence research before the floor was open for questions from the audience.

The panel then took questions from members of the audience.



Day 8: Making Public Spaces LGBTQI+ Inclusive

DECEMBER 2, 2021

Prajnya, along with **Orinam**, organised a roundtable discussion with members from the LGBTQIA+ community, media persons, policy-makers, and other important stakeholders/practitioners on making public spaces more LGBTQIA+ inclusive.

Panelists: Harish Subramanian (he/him), Muhilann Murugan (they/them), Natasha (she/they), Raj Cherubal, Sonal Shah, and Shreya Gadepalli

The session was moderated by Dr. Ramakrishnan (he/they) who first invited LGBTQIA+ volunteers of Orinam to share their thoughts and experiences on the topic. Many important points about inclusivity, safety, and accessibility were brought up here. Speakers brought up how public spaces were becoming increasingly hostile towards anyone that does not conform to gender norms. It was also mentioned by one of the speaker how queerness was important to make cities more liveable and interesting beyond the concern of safety and inclusion.

The voices of the queer community were met with an openness to take this dialogue further by various stakeholders who engaged in the roundtable. They spoke about how the State must take affirmative action towards making queer people more visible through queer art and music. Erasing their lives from mainstream cultures leads to them being left out of conversations on public infrastructure.

The conversation ended on a note to carry the dialogue further by making the proposals shared during the event public.



Day 9: Safe Workplaces: A Status of Compliance Survey Report Launch

DECEMBER 3, 2021

The **Safe Workplaces: A Status of Compliance Survey Report** was launched on 4th December, 2021. It is formulated with the focus sectors being IT, ITES, BPO, KPO, R&D. The report compiled by Prajnya has helped in giving one a better sense of understanding with respect to what constitutes a safe workplace, the compliance support undertaken by the focus sectors, and its impact. The survey for the report was undertaken by Prajnya volunteers **Priithy Appandarajan** and **Subhashini Raju**, with assistance from **Ojasvi Vyas** and **Maryam Nayaz**.

The report outlines awareness of company policy on Workplace Sexual Harassment Prevention and Redressal laws, functioning of the Internal Committee, complaint procedures, awareness training, reporting requirement, as well as workplace culture and awareness. During the session, Ms. Priithy and Ms. Subhashini shared their findings with survey respondents and other attendees.

[Click here to read the report](#)



Day 9: International Day for People with Disabilities

DECEMBER 3, 2021

On December 3, 2021, International Day for People with Disabilities, Prajnya along with **Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC)** designed and publicised posters on violence against women with disabilities on our social media channels.

The content of the posters focused on the right to refuse institutionalization (Article 19 of the CRPD), and violence against girls and women with disabilities. The artwork on the posters was contributed by **Anu Das**.

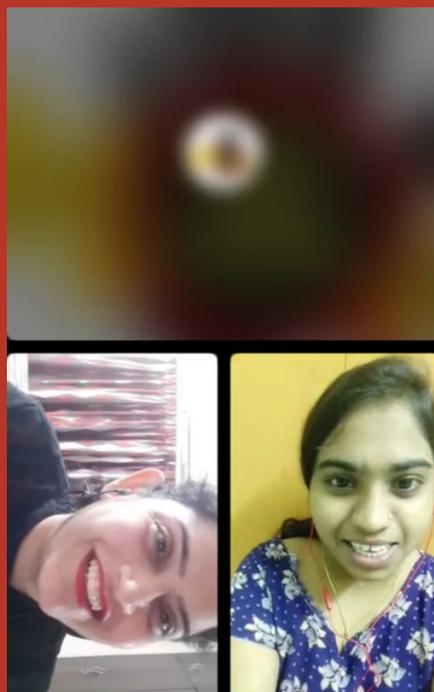


Day 10: Everyday Sexism: Instagram Live

DECEMBER 4, 2021

In conversation with Prajnya volunteer **Shweta Sharma** (and **Meghna Menon** chiming in through chat), we had **Maryam Nayaz**, our programme associate and **Niroopini Muralidharan**, our campaign associate discuss the everydayness of sexism that all women and gender minorities are subjected to because of their gender identity.

The one-hour long discussion gave the audience insight on how conversations like these (where we discuss the injustices, microaggressions and sexist attitudes we face on a daily basis) can help instill a sense of solidarity and togetherness—that we aren't alone and we aren't in the wrong.



Day 11: The Body Freedom Workshop: Dance Movement Therapy

DECEMBER 5, 2021

On December 5, we organised a dance movement therapy workshop in collaboration with **Kolkata Sanved**. Kolkata Sanved is a women-led pioneer in the field of dance movement therapy (DMT) for trauma healing and empowerment of marginalized populations.

Dr. Sohini Chakraborty of Kolkata Sanved facilitated the session for us. We were also joined by one of her associates, **Tilottama Chowdhury**.

Dr. Sohini introduced participants to the idea of Dance Movement Therapy and how it can be used as a tool to connect with one's body. Ms. Tilottama Chowdhury then took over with an icebreaker for the group. The next activity involved participants using a vocalization technique to stimulate body activation/awareness. This included participants making several combinations of voices/sounds like singing, humming or breathing at varying frequencies while engaging different parts of their bodies.

The next stage of the workshop involved the use of instrumental music as auditory cues/simulation to evoke different emotions and allow the body to illustrate the same. This segment was broadly divided into 5 categories of energies: fluid, warrior, chaotic energy, poetic/aesthetic energy, and wisdom. A 3-5 minute music clip conveying each of these emotions was played in intervals with breaks where participants were urged to reflect on what each of the pieces made them feel/experience.



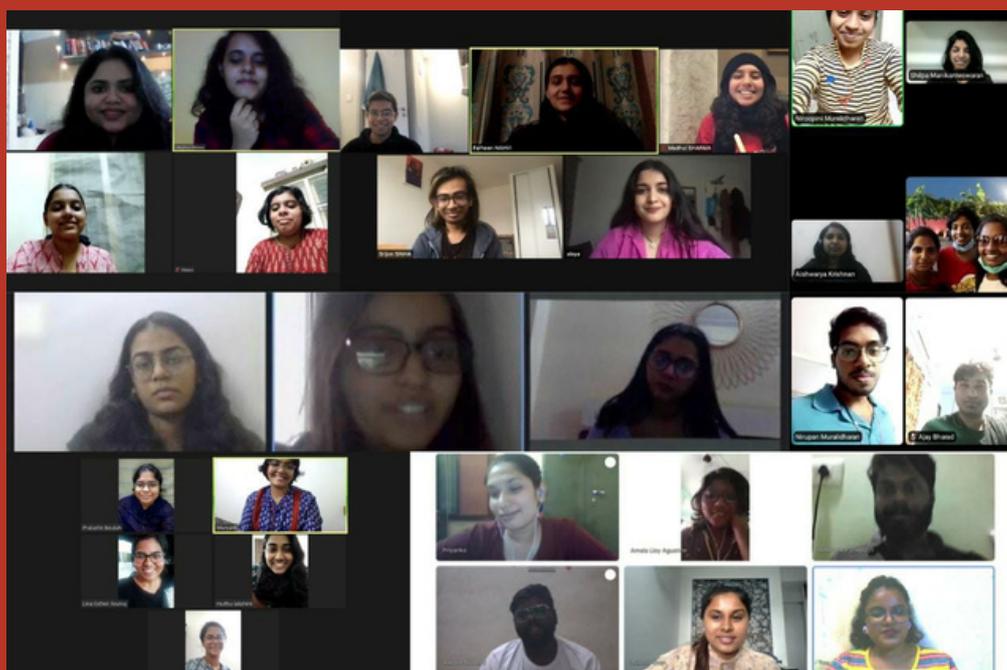
Day 11: Community Cafes: Love, Sex, Relationships, and Marriage

DECEMBER 5, 2021

On December 5, six different Community Café sessions were held with people from different socio-economic backgrounds with the goal of sharing ideas and expectations, coming out better prepared for social pressures, and working just a little bit more towards fighting for the culturally unacceptable.

The sessions were held virtually, over Zoom and Google Meet by Prajnya's volunteers, interns, and team members. The conversations all revolved around navigating love, sex, relationships, and marriage as young people. The organizers of the Community Cafes each blogged reflections of the sessions they hosted, bringing together a rich and diverse collection of posts.

Facilitators: Sandhya Srinivasan, Niroopini Muralidharan, Niharika Tripathi, Farheen Nahvi, Meghna Menon, Maryam Nayaz



Day 12: Does Marriage Mean Consent? A Panel

DECEMBER 6, 2021

We organized a panel titled 'Does Marriage Mean Consent?' with lawyer **Jhuma Sen** and **Audrey D'mello** examining marital rape, law, and lived realities. The session was facilitated by **Dr. S. Shakthi**. We also had **Dr. Saumya Uma** join us as a discussant.

The panel discussion began with Audrey D'Mello giving us her insight on the topic. She touched upon the realities of survivors of marital rape and on gaps from a legal perspective.

Prof. Jhuma Sen, our second speaker traced the historical trajectory of marital rape laws in India and on the various perspectives and perceptions given by the judiciary on marital rape in India.

Our discussant, Dr. Saumya Uma took over and responded to the points made by the panelists Jhuma Sen and Audrey D'Mello.



Day 12: Friends@Prajnya: Twitter Takeover by Nadika Nadja

DECEMBER 6, 2021

We had **Nadika Nadja** (@NadjaNadika on Twitter) take over our Twitter account and organize a Twitter space on "Critiquing Exclusionary Feminism, Re-imagining Solidarity" on the December 6, 2021.

A significant part of the discussion looked into this new idea of trans-exclusionary radical feminism (TERF) which is now resurfacing as '*gender-critical feminism*' that only considers "biologically female women and men" as men and women thereby making feminist spaces exclusionary.

During the course of the conversation, Nadika, along with **Ragamalika Karthikeyan** and **Dr. S Shakthi** retraced the history of such exclusionary conversations. Nadika mentioned that a lot of this began during the European colonial period. The cataloging and classification of regular things lead to the formation of categories that are simple, wide-open but also, restrictive. That is where this idea of the biologically essentialist view comes from. Nadika also spoke about how the early capitalist industrial revolution compounded this effect.

We also had listeners chip in about how there is a fear of loss of power and it is critical to address and tackle it by talking about the importance of accessibility to rights.

The discussion also touched upon about how trans folks are seen as a threat in sports, about the debate around public toilets and college hostels being gender-neutral.

Nadika posed a question to the listeners about building solidarity, asking ".. with all these differences, where do you see solidarity coming from? What are the things we can do to build solidarity? Where do we start building this idea of solidarity from?" Listeners responded that there are quite a few ways, they believe, helps strengthen solidarity, and reimagine movements - passing the mic and giving space to people who are marginalized, being open to unlearning and taking responsibility as well as understanding that it is essential to have uncomfortable conversations with people who have similar privileges as you.

The concluding remarks were that a lot of feminists, feminist organizations and institutions grapple with understanding intersectionality and queer issues. Grassroots feminist organizations must actively take steps to ensure their actions are inclusive. We have made it a fight of power rather than a fight of rights, and a fight for equality. People must step out of their own bubbles, and not just focus on their own struggles and have to start listening.

Day 13: Reporting Gender Violence Against Persons with Disabilities: Media Training

DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Network of Women in Media in India (NWMI), Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC), and Prajnya invited Dr. Aishwarya Rao to conduct a training session on how to report gender-based violence against people with disabilities, including themes of what is the appropriate language; what questions should be asked, and which ones should be avoided; and legal frameworks. Her presentation also included several examples of inappropriate reporting by media giants in India. She spoke about the impact such bearings have on the daily lives of disabled people and provided a list of dos and don'ts to follow while reporting.

To access Dr. Aishwarya's presentation, [click here](#)



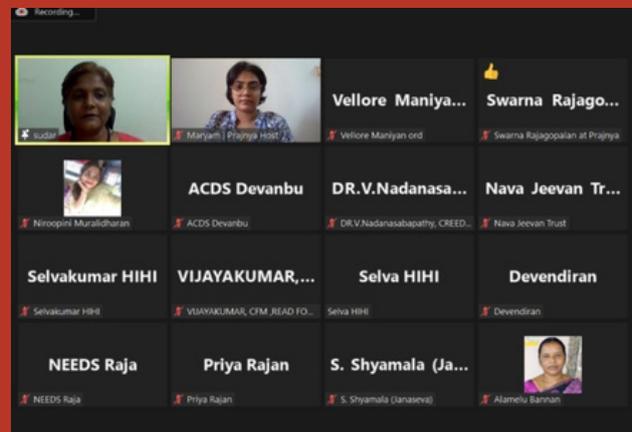
Day 14: குழந்தை திருமணம்: கலந்துரையாடல்

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Prajnya invited partner organisations from around Tamil Nadu to share with us their experiences and insights on the rising prevalence of child marriage in the pandemic period and their thoughts on how to prevent this. The consultation was preceded by a survey. A report on the survey as well as the statements during the consultation will be published in January 2022.

Social workers and activists present at the consultation listed several contributory factors to this rise in child marriages during the pandemic. The most common among them was economic distress. Poverty, joblessness and migration made parents likely to get their daughters married early.

Each of the speakers also suggested remedial measures based on their findings from the survey and their experiences in the past 2 years. The most important remedial measure, suggested by almost every participant, was awareness. Community awareness of the consequences of child marriage, especially on the health of young girls, is important. So is the creation of awareness in government agencies responsible for preventing child marriage and punishing it. The second was the setting up of protection offices closer to the community and not just at district or block headquarters. The third was prompt registration, trial and punishment of cases.

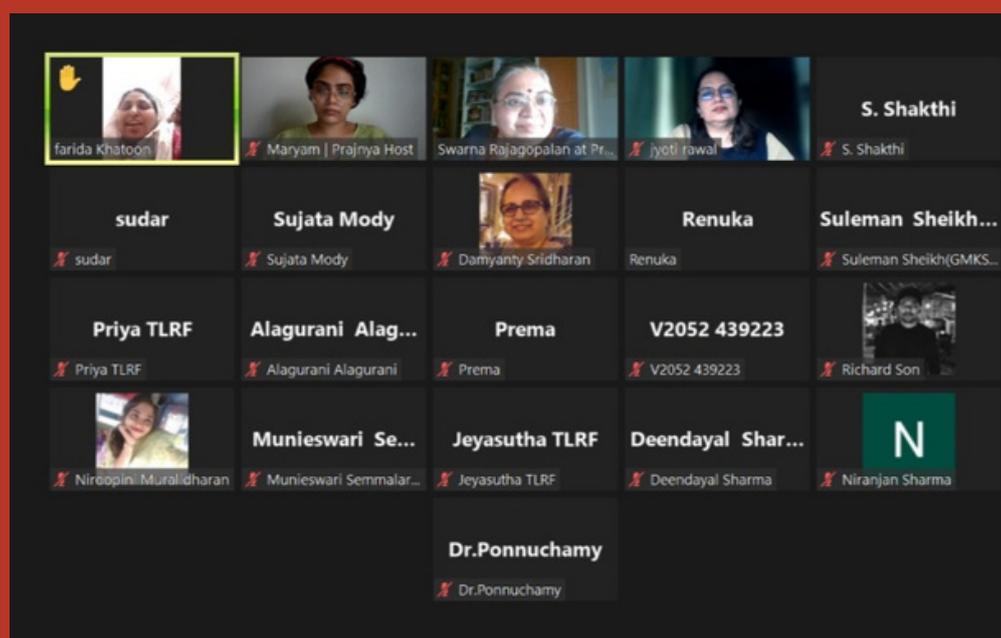


Day 15: Dignity at Work: Video Launch

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Prajnya, in partnership with **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung** launched a set of videos on workplace sexual harassment awareness and workplace rights for informal sector workers. The videos were intended to reach three demographics of workers: **agricultural workers, street vendors, and domestic workers**. They were designed to be circulated over mobile (through WhatsApp, for instance).

Those involved in consultation, production, translation, and dissemination, as well as members of FES and Prajnya's networks who work with these stakeholders were invited to the launch event on the 9th of December. The Tamil and Hindi videos premiered on YouTube and were streamed on Zoom. Members of the audience then shared their feedback and spoke about further steps to take beyond awareness and rights education.



Day 16: Regional Perspectives on Honour, Violence and Women's Rights: A Panel

DECEMBER 10, 2021

We closed the 2021 Prajnya 16 Days Campaign Against Gender Violence with a panel that depicted how violence against women in the name of 'honour' transgresses borders. Here, pride takes the front seat, thereby justifying gruesome killings, often with the support of the state's machinery.

Our facilitator of the session, **Kiran Moghe**, opened with how "the question of women's honour is tied up with the community and she represents the community/ collective honour, which has a bearing on her everyday life; she is subject to several kinds of restrictions on her basic freedom and on her basic right to life. These are very fundamental questions related to our existence as women."

Jagmati Sangwan addressed the manner in which the state and its units have failed to address the brutality that is honour crimes, with a focus on the ground realities in Haryana.

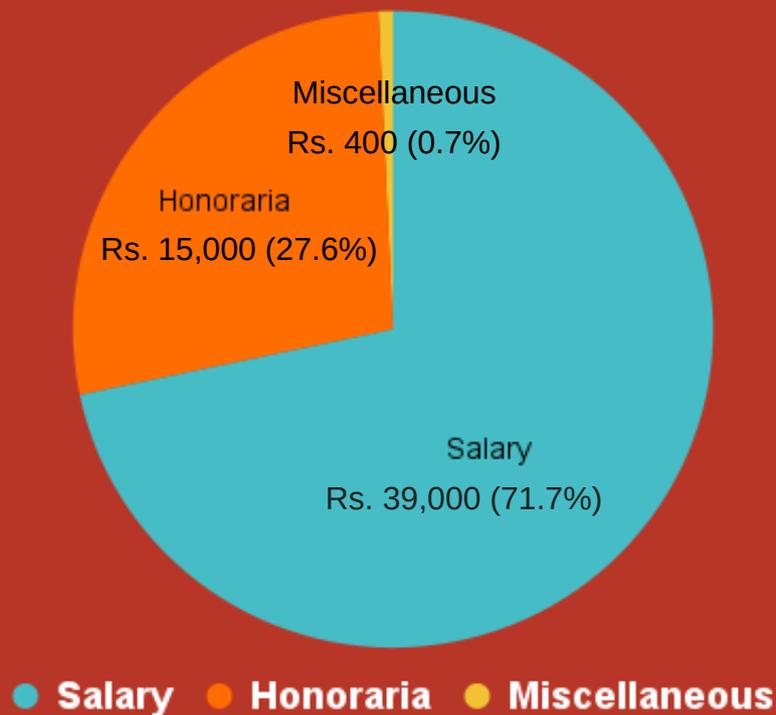
Vincent Kathir, from **Evidence**, was our second speaker. He highlighted, through heart-wrenching anecdotes, how the state, at various levels, has failed to accurately record and report these crimes.

Benazir Jatoi then highlighted the perspectives from Pakistan showing the commonality of this issue across borders. "You talk of caste, caste is the excuse used. We may not have an obvious caste system, but we use other words. We use religion. We use *gairat*, which roughly translates to honour. It is the socio-economic guise that we give on how we control women through violence and discrimination."

Our final speaker was **Shalini Umachandran** who highlighted the importance of sensitive reporting in cases of gender-based violence, especially honour crimes.



Campaign Accounts



- Under 'salary', we include our campaign coordinator's salary and conveyance. We spent **Rs. 39,000** under this head.
- Under 'honoraria' we include the cost of paying resource persons with honoraria. We spent **Rs. 15,000** under this head.
- Under 'miscellaneous', we included cost of conveyance for one of our volunteers. We spent **Rs. 400** under this head.

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